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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: Draft Letter to Khrushchev

I am attaching the tentative redraft by the Secretary of your reply to Khrushchev mentioned in his message to you. Secretary Herter intends to comment further on Monday after he has had an opportunity to talk with Selwyn Lloyd and to consider whatever may come out of the Vice President's talks with Khrushchev on Sunday. Accordingly, we should be in a position to finalize your reply on Tuesday.

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s/Douglas Dillon
Acting Secretary

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/s/ Warren A. Anderson
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Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

As I informed Ambassador Menshikov, I am grateful for your courteous and thoughtful reply that you so promptly made to my letter carried to you by your First Deputy Premier Mr. Kozlov.

I am glad that the exchange of visits which I suggested appeals to you and I hope that this exchange will in fact lead to a much better understanding between us on our many problems. I can understand that you might prefer to come to the United States in the cooler weather and suggest that we mutually consider some date in September which would permit us informally to exchange views in or near Washington for a period of two or three days and also enable you to spend ten days or so traveling in our country. For my part, if it were convenient for you I would plan to return the visit sometime in the month of October. Mr. Robert Murphy will be available to discuss with Ambassador Menshikov the matter of dates and more detailed planning.

I believe you will agree that your visit to the United States as well as my later visit to the Soviet Union should take place in an atmosphere conducive to fruitful results and improved relations between our two countries.

I can assure you that as far as the American people are concerned I cannot emphasize too strongly how great an

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improvement there would be in public opinion if our meeting could take place in an improved environment resulting from progress at Geneva.

You will correctly deduce from what I have just said that progress at Geneva so far has been disappointing to me and not sufficient to justify holding a Summit Conference of the four powers engaged in that Conference. From such a Summit Conference I believe great good could come and I by no means despair of achieving the progress which would justify it. My suggestion specifically would be that the Foreign Ministers continue in Geneva for a week or so making as rapid progress as may be possible and that if by then they have not reached agreement they plan to come together early in November with a view to completing their work which would enable us to hold a Summit Meeting of the four Heads of Government soon thereafter.

After you have had time to reflect on these thoughts, it would be helpful to have a further expression of your views on all these matters.

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